The Callico Quaker's

SPEECH

To the Honourable

Houſe of LORDS,

In Oppoſition to the Norwich Quaker.

Moſt Noble Patriots,

AS being bound in Duty, to Diſcharge my Conſcience, and eſpecially in a Matter of ſo great and weighty a Moment as this is, which depends on the making or ruining of ſo many Families, who have been Gentlemen bread from their Cradles; I take this Oppertunity, to make known to your Lordſhips, what Sufferers thoſe Linnen Drapers will be by the downfall of the Callicoes, and as to the ill Conſequences that will attend thoſe ſuffering, doubtleſs your Lordſhips are not unacquainted with.

I believe your Lordſhips are no unſenſible of the many ſufficient proofs to the contrary of what Mr. *Gurney* alias the Norwich Quaker affirms in his Speech,

In the Frſt place, As to the Obſtruction and Ruination of this Nation, by the wearing of Callicoes and printed Linnen, which may be very vvell proved to the contrary, for hovv many hundred Families are there in this City, vvho live very vvell, and yet are of no Trade at all, but through induſtery and Care, procure a Maintainance for their Families, and live in good Reputation, and much more have thoſe VVeavers the *Advantage* of them who have ſerved their Times and have a Freedom or a Right thereunto, which protects them in any Trade or calling whatſoever, which thoſe of no Trade would be glad to embrace the Oppertuniey.

Secondly, If their Trade were to be reſtored, and the Callicoes quite diſanulled, their Trade being ſo numerous, it would not avail them ſo much as it would for a Major part of them, to betake themſelves to ſome other Calling, which they muſt do if the Callicoes are continued.

And now ſince I have thus laid the whole Matter before this Honourable Houſe, I hope your Lordſhips will uſe ſuch Means as may turn to the Honour and Flouriſhing of this Nation, and of this City in particular, on which depend the whole Trade of *England.*

All which is Humbly ſubmitted
To this Honourable Houſe.

Spoken by John Eagleſton
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